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# Virgin River Bridge #1 Rehabilitation Project

## PUBLIC SCOPING PROCESS

### VIRGIN RIVER BRIDGE #1 REHABILITATION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is proposing to rehabilitate Virgin River Bridge #1. This bridge is an important element of Interstate 15 (I-15), which provides a vital link between the states of California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other laws, regulations and policies, ADOT is beginning work on an Environmental Assessment (EA), which will evaluate potential impacts of rehabilitation on the natural, cultural and human environment.

### ABOUT THE STUDY

Virgin River Bridge #1 was built in 1964 and has never undergone a major rehabilitation. Minor repairs have kept it operational to meet the needs of the traveling public. However, like many other older highway bridges across the nation, this bridge needs comprehensive repair to ensure service for decades to come.

ADOT inspects the bridge according to industry standards. These detailed structural inspections and studies have identified corroded steel and deteriorated concrete. While the bridge is considered safe for travel, weight restrictions that limit traffic on the bridge may be instituted if it is not rehabilitated in the near future.

The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain I-15 as a regional transportation facility, allowing the movement of people, goods and services through this vital corridor.

Build alternatives for the bridge rehabilitation would likely include widening of the piers, bridge deck, and roadway approaches. Temporary construction would likely occur in the floodplain beneath the bridge, and temporary access routes could be widened and stabilized to allow cranes and other construction equipment to access these areas. Temporary work areas could be constructed beneath the bridge, and a temporary bridge could be constructed

across the Virgin River such that construction vehicles do not have to enter the Virgin River. Construction within the Virgin River would include the installation of temporary cofferdams around the piers adjacent to the low-flow channel to provide a dry work area for pier widening. Traffic delays would be anticipated during construction and detours could be necessary for wide-load trucks.

### NEPA SCOPING PROCESS

To comply with NEPA, ADOT and FHWA are undertaking an EA to evaluate impacts from the proposed project on environmental and socioeconomic resources in the study area. As part of the NEPA process, ADOT and FHWA are seeking comments from the public on the proposed scope of construction, potential alternatives, sensitive resources, potential impacts, or other issues and concerns. ADOT and FHWA will use your comments to identify issues as they evaluate the proposed alternatives and document their findings in the EA.

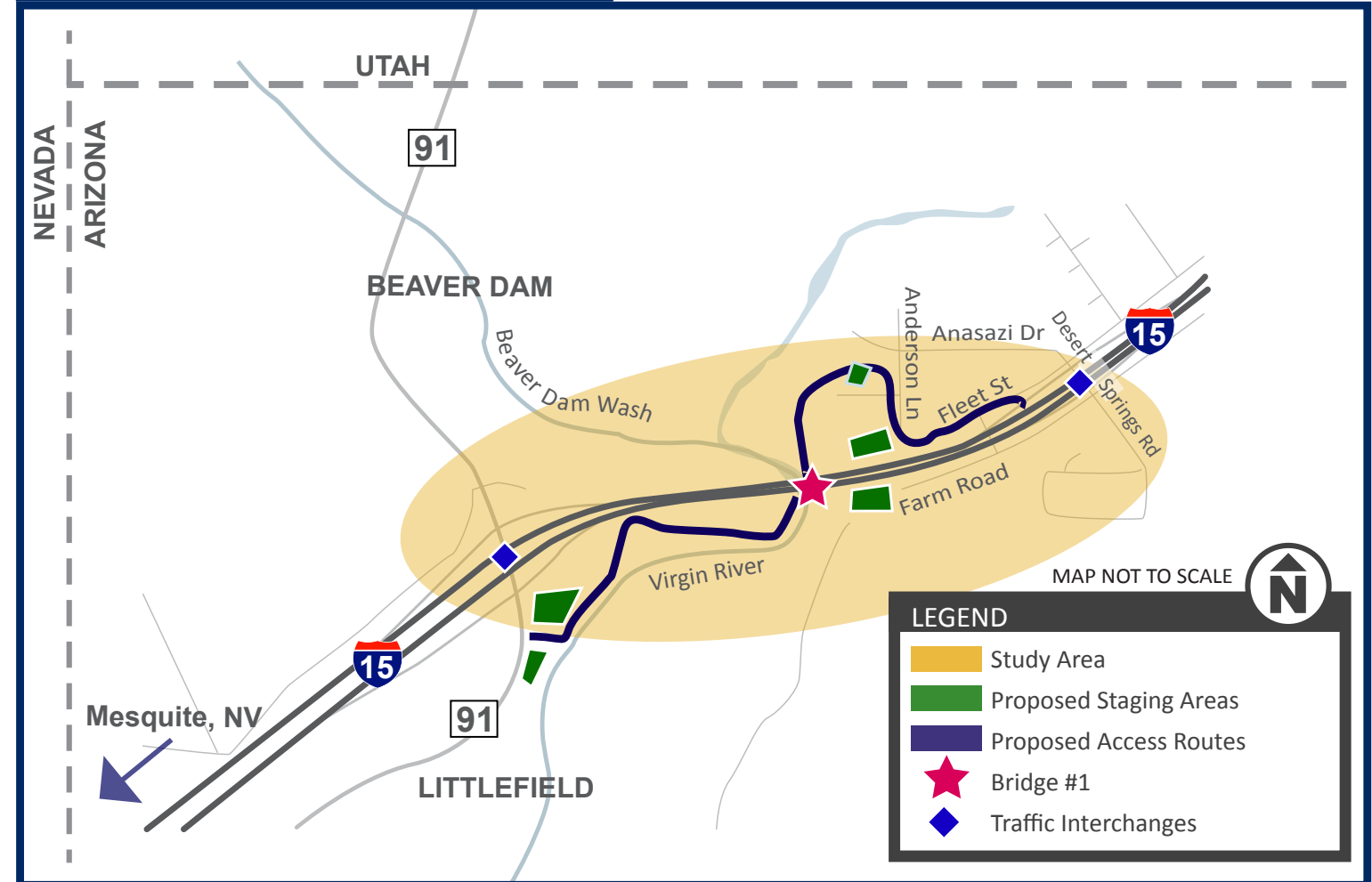
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Please be aware that your comment including personal identifying information, such as an address, phone number and email, may be made publicly available at any time as required by the Freedom of Information Act. Although you can request in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, ADOT cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Once the Draft EA is published, it will be made available for public review for at least 30 days, and a public hearing will be held. If you wish to be added to the mailing list for this or other announcements, please be sure to indicate that in your comment.

### STUDY AREA



### VIRGIN RIVER BRIDGE #1

